GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1686
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PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO INDIAN SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)the number of Indian Defence Personnel deployed at present under the United Nations Peace Mission, country/UN-Mission-wise;

(b)whether any special training is given to these personnel;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)the facilities and monetary benefits are being paid to them by United Nations;

(e)whether United Nations have not paid different kind of allowances to Indian Defence Personnel;

(f)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g)the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1686 25.7.2002

The numerical strength of Indian defence personnel deployed in UN Peace Keeping Missions, Country/Mission-wise, as on date, is as follows:

S. No.	Country	Mission	No. of Personnel
1.	Congo	MONUC	33 Officers
2.	Kuwait	UNIKOM	8 Officers
3.	Lebanon	UNIFIL	826 all ranks
4.	Ethiopia/Eritrea	UNMEE	1548 all ranks

Personnel selected for deployment in UN Missions are given special pre-induction training in peacekeeping techniques.In addition, the orientation course encompasses history and organisation of the UN as well as history of India`s contributions to UN Missions, detailed information on the geography, local laws and customs of the country of the Mission and the genesis of the Mission, in which the personnel are to be inducted.

The UN reimburses the troops contributing country a standard amount, per contingent member, as overseas allowance (OSA).This is disbursed to the contingent members through official channels either in the Mission or in India. Other than the monthly OSA, the UN pays various other allowances viz. daily allowance, clothing allowance, leave allowance, as well as free rations to the troops. It also provides free air transportation for the troops to their home country and back once every six months. Military officers appointed as

Military Observers in UN Missions are paid subsistence allowances direct by UNAll kinds of allowances and benefits admissible to Indian defence personnel deployed in UN Peace Keeping Missions are being paid by the UNNo steps in the matter by Government are, therefore, necessary.